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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend claims 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, and 15 so as to read as follows:

3. (Amended) The floral arrangement as set forth in claim 2 wherein said item is a gift item.

4. (Amended) The floral arrangement as set forth in claim 1 wherein said supporting rods are made substantially of bright or refined steel wire.

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5. (Amended) The floral arrangement as set forth in claim 1 wherein said item is secured to said supporting rod via a fastener in which said supporting rod is inserted.

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7. (Amended) The floral arrangement as set forth in claim 5 wherein said item is adhered to an adhesive surface area of said fastener.